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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT [REDACTED]TOPIC Military Information from Wuensdorf

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 4 November 1953REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 5 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 20 September 1953, [REDACTED] did not observe any changes in the AAA emplacements at Wuensdorf-Zossen. 1

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2. On 18 September, about 500 masons, 70 carpenters and 12 plasterers were seen at a ceremony, when the bare structure of about 30 brick buildings at Camps Maybach I and II were completed. The buildings were scheduled to be ready for occupation by 20 October. The troops to be quartered there occupied 100 large tents in the training area in the rear of Camps Maybach I and II. [REDACTED] the workmen were to start work in Jueterbog immediately after the completion of the construction project near Camps Maybach I and II. Between 13 and 17 September, [REDACTED] 10 motor fire engines from the vicinity were pumping water from the underground installations of Camps Maybach I and II. 2

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3. During the nights of 5 through 8 October, artillery was firing with live ammunition in the Wuensdorf training area, with the guns firing individually and in volleys. From the muzzle flashes [REDACTED] about 40 to 50 barrels were involved. 3 At about 3:45 p.m. on 3 October, 10 to 12 sedans with wide white stripes across the top were seen entering the Wuensdorf restricted area. [REDACTED] the vehicles [REDACTED] came from a maneuver. At about 3 p.m. on 12 October, 1 shipment of 4 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] was seen at the Zossen railroad station, with the engine headed toward Wuensdorf. On 13 October, a column of about 10 to 15 trucks, [REDACTED] carrying iron bedsteads, entered the restricted area. 4 Six-wheel armored personnel carriers [REDACTED] each occupied by 6 soldiers, also entered the restricted area. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the restricted area included:

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4. Beginning on 15 September, the Lutz Kaserne in Wuensdorf was occupied by an additional 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The supply unit from Potsdam was also quartered in the Lutz Kaserne. Trucks [ ] belonged to this unit. 25X1

5. On 15 September, about 200 to 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and coming from Stammlager Zossen were entrained at the Wuensdorf railroad station. Trucks [ ] hauled baggage to the station. 4. 25X1

6. Between 8 and 10 October, numerous trucks occupied by troops who carried small arms went to Trebbin via Rehagen.

7. Between 14 and 19 September, [ ] observed a newly established ammunition depot, about 80 x 120 meters, adjoining to the north the former ration supply depot in Wuensdorf and surrounded by a camouflage net, 2 meters high. Two tents and a field kitchen were outside the installation near the railroad embankment. On 17 September, ammunition boxes were unloaded from trucks. Eight small ammunition trailers were seen in the depot. 2 25X1

8. In early October, [ ] determined a new AAA emplacement of 4 guns just west of AAA emplacement II. Truck [ ] occupied by 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the new emplacement. 1 25X1

9. On 1 October, 22 trucks, [ ] loaded with billeting equipment were seen leaving the Hindenburg Kaserne. 2 25X1

10. On 16 October, [ ] determined that the barracks installation which was under construction east of Highway No 96, just south of Stammlager Zossen, underwent an inspection. Part of the project was taken over; [ ] 25X1

[ ] additional barracks buildings, worth 10 to 12 million eastmarks, were scheduled to be built west of the abovementioned installation and that this construction program would take about 2 to 3 years. Nine newly erected tank sheds quartered 60 tanks, covered by tarpaulins. Two tank trucks, 24 trucks, 2 field kitchens and 1 signal vehicle, [ ] 25X1  
[ ] were lined up in front of two other sheds. Tanks and motor vehicles were guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The tank crews were quartered in tents near the shed. 1 [ ] the 25X1  
the tank crews had looted HO-shops and the cooperative shop after their occupation of the barracks installations on 12 October. The damage was estimated at about 30,000 eastmarks. 2 25X1

11. On 10 October, Stammlager Zossen was occupied by about 250 troops of the GOFG, about 150 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, an AAA unit stationed in four buildings, and the 60-man crew of the two radio stations, which were still camped near the same two buildings. Between 3 and 10 October, about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and coming from the AAA emplacement west of the Stammlager were daily seen receiving meals. 1

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Comment. The new structures mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 10 are probably identical with an installation which had been erected between Highway No 96, athletic field and Camp Maybach II, adjoining the Stammlager Zossen to the south. The arrival there of a tank regiment, possibly the 80th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Mecz Div, from Camp Forst Tauer east of Peitz. The observations of ammunition and billeting equipment in paragraphs 3, 7 and 9 presumably are connected with the arrival of the regiment there.

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3.  Comment. Presumably firing practice of AAA units.

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